MAZEIKIAI OIL REFINERY ONCE AGAIN WORKING STEADILY

VILNIUS, Aug 9, BNS - "~~Mazeikiu Nafta~~ THE MAZEIKIAI OIL REFINERY" plans to refine more than 500 thousand tons of oil in the month of August. This will be the first month of full-scale operations after a crisis which continued through the spring and summer.

From the spring until July 20, the plant was shut down frequently due to a lack of raw material. Over the year, the refinery came to a halt five times, standing idle for a total of 90 days.

Gediminas Kiesus, the General Director of the corporation, says that they will be buying more than 150 thousand tons of unrefined oil for themselves in August, as well as processing oil for the Mobil, Rosneft and Kaliningradnefteprodukt companies. For the month of August, contracts have already been signed for the plant to process 240 thousand tons; contracts for an additional 300 thousand are currently planned

ANNUAL LITHUANIAN INFLATION RATE EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

VILNIUS, Aug 10, BNS - Prime Minister Adolfas Slezevicius does not consider the fact that annual inflation will exceed the rate of 25% forseen to be tragic. "The most important thing is that the inflation remains under control and that it can be predicted," he said at a press conference on Thursday. The Prime Minister said that inflation this year will reach 30%. For the first seven months of this year the rate was 19.9%.

FORMER NAZI OFFICER STRIPPED OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP

WASHINGTON, Aug 04, (Reuter) - A federal judge in Philadelphia revoked the U.S. citizenship of a retired architect who had concealed his membership in a Nazi-sponsored killing unit, the Justice Department said on Thursday.

A District Court judge Wednesday found that Jonas Stelmokas, 78, joined a Lithuanian Nazi force shortly after Germany's invasion of the country in 1941. Stelmokas served in the unit until 1944, when he was transferred to the German air force. The judge found that Stelmokas was on duty with his unit when it participated in the October 28, 1941 slaughter of 9,200 Jews in Kaunas, Lithuania. The court found that in light of Stelmokas' Nazi service and concealment of that service, his 1955 naturalisation was illegal. According to the Justice Department the Office of Special Investigations, or OSI has obtained the denaturalization of 52 former Nazis.